

October 22, 2007

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the meeting room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, and Curtis attending. Board member Rueger and Cooper were not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Attorney Funkhouser; Comm. Epison; Supt. Gray; Becky Higgins; Cecil Waters; Roy Maynard; Geneva and Tony James; Judie Angermeier; Kay Kilgore; Jim Powers; Judy Whitten; Ann Blackburn; Sis Claxton; Ed Adams; Charlie Berger; K9 Officer Lemberg; Mike Labitzke – Clark Dietz; Tammy and Carly Gray; Mindy Bourne – Area Plan Commission; Dick Honebrink; Vicki Turner; Fred Speiker; Priscilla Kelly and Dave Elgin – 4 Rivers; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens; and Jerry Walden.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Curtis. Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles reminded the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Board should approach the podium and once recognized by the chair, state their name and the nature of their business.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented. Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis. Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent.

Supt. Gray reported the last components for the filters were delivered on 10th of the month and they are looking for a place to store them, out of the weather. He added the scoop was repaired last week and KROFTA 2 is down for repairs. He stated KROFTA 1 has a new backwash pump up and running and at 30%, is keeping up with demand. He then stated lamella 1 is down and they are running on lamella 2. Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ? There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer has any Communications for the Board ? Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated the first item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is a Resolution of the Mt. Vernon, IN Utility Board Concerning Licensed Plumbers.

Mr. Charlie Berger approached the podium and stated he is representing Mr. Mike Menke, who had originally presented the resolution to the Board several meetings ago. He added this resolution is based on Indiana law and in 1984 the Attorney General issues an opinion on what constitutes a water system.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Berger continued by stating anything connected to the water supply is part of the water system, and it really all boils down to a safety issue not a union/non-union issue. He added it is based on training and the title the person hold who is working on that system. He added the resolution will require anyone working on the system, EXCEPT city water employees, to be a licensed plumber. He again added this will only apply to outside contractors. He then told the Board he appreciated their time and asked if there were any questions. He added Evansville has adopted this as well.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Curtis asked if Mr. Berger indicated the resolution was based on statute ?

Mr. Berger replied yes and a previous court decision.

Board member Askren asked why it is necessary for the city to pass this resolution ?

Mr. Berger replied to make it clear to the users, or others wanting to do business with the city, where the Board stands on this issue. He added it restating that the Utility Board follows what the law requires; and it is a safety issue. He stated they certainly do not want to damage or compromise the water system, they want to protect it.

Board member Askren stated she thinks the idea of a resolution confuses people and added the county does not have such a resolution.

Mr. Berger replied that the county does not use the city water supply.

Board member Tucker asked if he indicated that Evansville does indeed implement this ?

Mr. Berger replied yes, it is actually part of their operating manual, adopted in 1989.

Board member Askren asked why a resolution ?

Mr. Berger replied it is actually a policy.

Board member Askren asked if any communities Mt. Vernon's size, like Princeton, implement this ?

Mr. Berger replied he does not know, he can only speak for Evansville.

Board member Tucker stated it is a good point, and safety is the very essence of what they work for. He added all work should be performed in a manner that assures safe water.

Mr. Berger agreed and added if the water system is not maintained properly, there can be major ramifications. He added there are threats out there (terrorism) and water systems can be vulnerable to that; and they should not be. He added this resolution will provide more protection to citizens and the community.

Board member Tucker again asked if the employees were exempt ?

Mr. Berger replied yes, the law is very clear in Indiana; this would only apply to outside individuals.

Attorney Higgins stated she has given them copies of the statute, she can possibly get a hold of the Attorney General's opinion for them. She added they may want to take a look at the statute and regulations before they take action on the resolution.

Mr. Berger stated he can provide the website; and apologized for not having copies of the opinion with them tonight.

Board member Curtis stated if the Board does this, he would like to take a look at the Attorney General's opinion first, and act on this at the next meeting, one way or the other. He just doesn't want to be adding "another regulation".

Mr. Berger stated he understands that and added they need for workers to know the requirements involved while working on the water system, and this needs to be done publicly; it would be a positive action taken by the Board. He then stated he can get the Board the information before the next meeting.

Board member Curtis replied that would help and added no one is opposed to the safety of the residents. He added he wants to be sure, be clear; and he is not sure a resolution will do that.

Mr. Berger agreed and added some of the work done for the water utility is not bid out as well. He added he will be happy to work with Mrs. Higgins on that.

Board member Curtis thanked Mr. Berger for his time and the resolution was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated next on the Agenda is Fred Spieker with a request for a water adjustment.

Mr. Spieker stated he has actually had three leaks, one was fixed and when the bill arrived, he realized it wasn't fixed. He added he then had a few more leaks and his son fixed them all. He stated he is asking for a second adjustment.

Board reviewed the paperwork.

Supt. Gray stated he would prefer to make the adjustment after the next bill goes out, to assure that everything is fixed.

Jerry Walden arrived at the meeting.

Board member Askren moved Supt. Gray be permitted to make the adjustment, after the next bill goes out. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spieker thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated next on the Agenda is Judie Angermeier.

Mrs. Angermeier approached the podium and stated they have several leaks at the little shacks near the lumber yard property. She added people move out and don't let them know; in this case, the toilet was left running when tenants moved out.

Board member Askren asked how long it was leaking ?

Mrs. Angermeier replied she is not sure when they moved out. She added there are six shacks on one meter down there and when they don't let them know they are moving out, it causes problems.

Board then reviewed the bills and paperwork.

Board member Askren asked if this is the second adjustment ?

Mrs. Angermeier replied actually the third on that meter; and there are three meters down there.

Supt. Gray added it is a legitimate leak.

Board member Askren moved the adjustment be approved. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Angermeier stated she does have another issue she would like to discuss with the Board. She added these meters are an ongoing problem and they would like to separate them out and give everyone their own individual meter. She added that way, if there is a leak, they will know immediately. She stated they will make sure all the pipes are in good repair; though she is concerned about the tap fee.

Supt. Gray replied they have done this before for others and he told Mr. Angermeier as long as he did the plumbing work up to city code and use city meters, he had no problem with the request. He added they have copper lines down there.

Mrs. Angermeier added this work will not be done immediately.

Board member Curtis moved they allow separate meters for each of the shacks, with no tap fee. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Gray added the Angermeiers will pay for the meter setters and the meters.

Mayor Knowles stated in the Audience is Priscilla Kelly with 4 Rivers.

Dave Elgin stated Mrs. Kelly was here a few months ago about the area northwest of town having salt brine in their drinking water. He added they had asked the Board about expanding the city water system to provide them water; and at that time, they also contacted Clark Dietz to do a study.

Mr. Mike Labitzke approached and stated they modeled the water line extension to the northwest based on the improvement options selected by the Board for their north service area. He added Supt. Gray and he have had many conversations and they believe they best option would be a 6" line run for a 5 ½ mile stretch. He stated an 8" line would normally be required, but being there is no fire protection in the area, that was not required. He added they are also making accommodation to ensure the water in the line is fresh at all times.

Board member Curtis asked again why they went with the 6" line versus the 8" ?

Mr. Labitzke replied because fire flow is not an issue in this area and without the second booster pump in place, they could not provide the fire flow to the area.

Board member Curtis asked what exactly they are asking of the Board ?

Mr. Labitzke replied approval to proceed, once the funding is complete, at a 6" line size.

Mr. Elgin stated the city will be the supplier, but the residents will develop and finance the project.

Mrs. Kelly added they will make no formal approach to residents without Board approval; they need the Board's blessing to proceed.

Supt. Gray stated he is not trying to throw a monkey wrench into things, but they have still not secured the ground for the new booster station yet; once that is secured, he has no problem with the request.

Attorney Higgins reminded the Board that since this is outside the city limits, they will need to sign a waiver against remonstrance; they will also need some information from the city engineer. She added packets could be made and given to the residents.

Mrs. Kelly asked if they should present their plan ?

Mr. Elgin replied not at this point.

Supt. Gray added JCI will also need to look into things as well.

Attorney Higgins stated they need to get their recommendations to the Board, and then the Board can contact 4 Rivers when to return.

Mrs. Kelly asked if Supt. Gray comes back to the Board with the recommendation ?

Attorney Higgins replied yes, then they will give approval subject to the proper paperwork being complete.

Mrs. Kelly asked if they wait for a recommendation, and then return ?

Board member Curtis stated once Supt. Gray gets information to the Board from the engineer, etc., the Board will let 4 Rivers know when action will be taken and they can return at that time.

They then thanked the Board.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Jerry Walden stated at a prior meeting, the Board gave permission for Mr. Weatherford to place a wireless internet antenna on the Farmersville Tower. He added he has been told, there is no electricity to the tower and the meter has been unplugged and is no longer there. He also stated the light on the top of the tower is not on either. He suggested the Board look into that and see about getting electricity restored and the light on top of the tower illuminated.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles stated the Crowe Chizek bill is listed under Old Business.

Attorney Higgins stated the Utility Board has no information on that and she saw no contract between them and the Water Utility Board. She added there has been no contract through this Board; she does not see where the Utility Board should pay this bill. She added the TIF ordinance may indicate, but the Bulkleys should pay those fees in the TIF. She then stated the contract was with the Redevelopment Commission, not the Water Utility Board.

Mayor Knowles stated she said from the beginning that there was no contract, and this bill is coming up almost two years after the fact, months anyway. She added there was never an agreement for this Board to pay.

Attorney Higgins stated the project assignment date is March of 2006 and it is signed by the Redevelopment Commission.

Mayor Knowles stated the other bills were paid through the TIF, they should have paid this one too.

Board member Curtis stated he has always believe that if someone does work for you, you pay them, but if there is no agreement, they should not pay the bill.
Mayo Knowles added the Board of Works also rejected payment.
Attorney Higgins again stated there is no contract with the Board.
Board member Curtis stated then the Water should not pay the bill.
Board consented.

Attorney Higgins stated she has the anticipation notes term sheet with Aventine, they have signed and agreed to the \$500,000 contribution on the improvements to the water utility. She added if needed, they will also front the city the \$2M for the project.
Board member Curtis stated they should sign the agreement.
Board member Askren moved the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana Waterworks Bond Anticipation Notes of 2007 (BAN) be signed. Seconded by Board member Curtis.
Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.
Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with the Board voting as follows:
Askren – yes; Tucker – yes; Rueger – absent;
Curtis – yes; Cooper – absent.
Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the Board needs to authorize a signatory.
Board member Curtis moved Board member Askren be authorized to sign the agreement.
Seconded by Board member Tucker.
Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.
Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Tucker.
Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer

October 22, 2007

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the meeting room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and Councilmembers Askren, Tucker, and Curtis attending. Councilmen Rueger and Cooper were not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Attorney Funkhouser; Comm. Epison; Supt. Gray; Becky Higgins; Cecil Waters; Roy Maynard; Geneva and Tony James; Judie Angermeier; Kay Kilgore; Jim Powers; Judy Whitten; Ann Blackburn; Sis Claxton; Ed Adams; Charlie Berger; K9 Officer Lemberg; Mike Labitzke – Clark Dietz; Tammy and Carly Gray; Mindy Bourne – Area Plan Commission; Dick Honebrink; Vicki Turner; Priscilla Kelly and Dave Elgin – 4 Rivers; Supt. Givens; and Jerry Walden.

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Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles reminded the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Board should approach the podium and once recognized by the Board, state their name and the nature of their business.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street/Light Chairman Rueger was not present.

Comm. Epison stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Officer Lemberg stated he is filling in for Chief Beloit and would like to announce that he and the new K9 have just returned from training. He added on his second day out, an apprehension was made.

Everyone agreed that was great news.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Sewer Chairman Tucker stated he has no report.
Supt. Givens stated he has no report.
Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?
Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated the first item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is the final reading of the Ordinance Fixing the Annual Salaries of all Elected Officials of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana, Payable from the City, Water and Sewage Utilities Effective January 1, 2008.

Councilwoman Askren moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Tucker.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Tucker – yes; Rueger – absent;
Curtis – yes; Cooper – absent.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 07-23.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item for consideration is the first reading of the Ordinance for Rezoning: 1030 E. 2nd Street from RT to CG. She added the Area Plan Commission Director, Mindy Bourne, is present on this request.

Mrs. Bourne approached the podium and stated on October 11, the APC heard the request of Vicki Turner to rezone the property – it was denied. She added Ms. Turner wants to operate a clean used auto shop; again, the request denied with five voting no and one voting yes. She added there were also two remonstrators present – one concerned about traffic and the other concerned about access to her property.

Ms. Turner stated this property had been commercial at one time and she would like it zoned that way again for a clean used car lot.

Councilman Curtis stated if the property is rezoned, the rezoning goes with the property and then anything that falls under the category of Commercial zoning could go into the property. He added they are really not voting on a car lot tonight, they are voting on what COULD go in there at a later date.

Councilman Tucker asked about ownership changes.

Attorney Higgins replied in some cases, a special use can be applied for, but they are also limited in residential areas; this would be fall under special use.

Councilman Tucker stated he definitely wants to encourage small business, they help Mt. Vernon grow, but the location is not good.

Councilman Curtis agreed and added the development needs to be handled in a planned fashion.

Councilwoman Askren stated she hates to deny the request, but it was denied by the APC.

Mayor Knowles added the APC does the zoning for the city and the county. It should be a uniformed decision she added.

Councilwoman Askren moved the ordinance be denied, as it was denied by the APC.

Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is a Resolution to Purchase Real Property. She stated before they get too involved, Ed Adams would like to update the Council on the meetings of the police and fire station committee.

Mr. Adams stated they have looked at several properties and initially started out looking for a spot for a combination police and fire station. He added Fire Chief Reese informed them there is a grant out there for \$500,000, but it is for fire stations only; that narrowed the field considerably. He then stated they discovered 803 E. 3rd Street, a half of a city block, and now an appraisal needs to be done. He added Chief Reese offered to pay the cost of the appraisals from his budget (\$700 - \$750 each). He added the final asking price they know to be \$150,000, which should be about what it appraises for.

Councilwoman Askren stated she thought the asking price was \$180,000 ?

Mayor Knowles replied she never said that.

Mr. Adams continued by stating the resolution before them tonight is just to get the appraisals done; he believes the next grant opportunity is not until December. He added this location is also centrally located, and there is not much else to choose from.

Mayor Knowles stated there was one other property, but it would have needed a lot of demolition.

Mr. Adams agreed and added there is nothing on this property.

Mayor Knowles stated there is a block grant available, for fire only, \$500,000.

Mr. Adams added they may have a spot for the police station as well, but it will need remodeling, and they are not that far into it yet.

Councilwoman Askren asked if the property owner is willing to pay half of the appraisal cost ?

Mayor Knowles replied no. She added the owner feels he has that much invested in the property and he will not take any less.

Councilman Tucker stated he feels this is a good idea and asked what kind of building they have in mind ?

Mr. Adams replied they have only had one presentation/bid, but it was high. He then stated they need to move on this property.

Mayor Knowles added there are no bids required and an architectural firm has offered to give a pro bono presentation.

Mr. Adams stated along the same lines as Pyramid did about a year ago, but things are totally different now.

Councilman Curtis asked when the appraisals have to be in ?

Mayor Knowles replied she is not sure, she will have to check with the grant writer.

Councilman Tucker stated it is his understanding that once the appraisals are approved, the Council never sees this project again. He then stated \$1,500 is just the tip of the iceberg of this project.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added it will cost a substantial amount of money.

Mr. Adams stated regardless, the property is the only one in town.

Mayor Knowles added someone else is also interested in the property.

Councilman Curtis stated it is a big decision and once the appraisals are done, they are basically committed. He added he feels like the Council will be giving up any say after that.

Mr. Adams disagreed and added the Council will have to appropriate the funds later down the road.

Mayor Knowles replied they are referring to the fact that the Board of Works is the spending authority for the city.

Councilman Tucker stated it would be nice to see a presentation, again, it is a good idea, and it needs addressed.

Councilman Curtis stated the city is tight for money, \$500,000 grant is fantastic – he realizes the appraisals are needed to meet the requirements of the grant application; and \$150,000 is what the city will have to pay for the property.

Mayor Knowles stated she asked an appraiser that has done work for the city in the past, and at first, he did not think it would appraise for that, but he looked at it and now feels it probably would.

Councilman Tucker again stated it is a good idea but it would still like to see something on it, and added he will do a site visit tomorrow.

Councilman Curtis asked if Mr. Adams would be available on Saturday to show him and talk to him a little bit about the plans.

Mr. Adams stated he would have to miss work, but sure. He then asked what the community is supposed to do from now on ?

Councilman Curtis stated Mr. Adams has looked at the options, he would for him to show him what he knows. The site in question sounds reasonable, though he is not a fireman, he doesn't drive the fire trucks in and out. He feels it may be harder to get them in and out there due to traffic issues; but he would like to feel that he is making an informed decision.

Mr. Adams agreed and added that was fair.

Mayor Knowles stated the site is exactly in the center of the city, it is available, the price is reasonable and it would require no demolition.

Mr. Adams agreed.

Councilman Curtis stated there is a tax situation right now, they don't know what is coming in and when. He added he would rather table this instead of voting no on it tonight.

Mr. Adams stated he has a lot on his plate right now, he knows that.

Councilman Curtis replied WE have a lot on our plates; he doesn't want to "just do this".

Councilwoman Askren stated she was told the price was \$180,000 when she spoke with Mr. Adams, though she was not at the last meeting.

Mayor Knowles replied it has always been \$150,000.

Councilwoman Askren asked why they should waste money on the appraisals since the property won't appraise for \$180,000.

Mr. Adams stated he will call Councilman Curtis and they will get together this weekend.

Councilman Curtis replied that would be great.

Resolution was then tabled.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is an Ordinance of Additional Appropriations.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe stated the amounts in Section 1 are not NEW money, it is money they currently have, and they just need permission from the state to spend it. She added since they have no budget order as of yet, she is making an educated guess on the amounts that will be approved – the amounts listed are the difference between those amounts and the actual cash balance.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass first reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Tucker – yes; Rueger – absent;

Curtis – yes; Cooper – absent.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will now have to be published and a public hearing will need to be held, it is about a 45 day process. No further action is required.

Mayor Knowles stated in the absence of another councilman, they could not suspend the rules anyway.

Mayor Knowles stated St. Matthews asked to be on the Agenda concerning a request to vacate an alley.

No one from the church was present.

Mayor Knowles stated they also have a request from the courthouse.

Attorney Higgins stated she will be the carrier pigeon for that one. She was approached by Judge Redwine who stated it is very difficult to see pulling out of the courthouse drive, looking east.

Mayor Knowles stated if they approve request, the ordinance will have to be changed.

Councilman Tucker agreed the area is a problem.

Councilman Curtis added removing one parking spot may not do it. He suggested they look at the area before the ordinance is prepared.

Mayor Knowles stated they need to remember that parking is at a premium down there.

Attorney Higgins stated she would also like to talk with Chief Beloit and Comm. Epison before she prepares the ordinance.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilman Tucker questioned the Bullard property they just purchased. Mayor Knowles stated it appraised for \$45,000 or \$45,500 and she has talked with the owner who is aware of the city money situation and he has agreed to take half the money at the first of December, and then the rest at the end of the month – which is negotiable based on the tax situation.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Tucker stated he wondered if the Mayor's Office was still taking calls on abandoned vehicles, dilapidated houses, trash, etc., as he is getting calls saying when they contacted the Mayor's office, they were given my name to call, why ?

Mayor Knowles replied she is not aware of that ?

Councilman Tucker stated the folks he is speaking of he then told to go back to the Mayor's Office, the complaints were not even in his district.

Mayor Knowles stated to her knowledge, she has no idea that was being done.

Officer Lemberg (the CEO) stated he has been at training for a few weeks, some things might have piled up then.

Mayor Knowles asked for a specific name.

Councilman Tucker stated he is being told the Mayor's Office is saying they will not address these problems. He then read a letter he had received, dealing with metal trash cans.

Mayor Knowles replied part of the problem is there is no ordinance against these metal trash cans.

Councilman Tucker asked why she is telling folks to call him.

Mayor Knowles replied she does not know that is being done, she will have to check with her secretary. It is the other folks' word against hers. She never said that, she stated.

Councilman Tucker asked that she define "truth", he has this letter in writing. He asked if the Mayor was calling the letter writer a liar ?

Mayor Knowles stated Mrs. Peerman is at work when she isn't and it appears that Councilman Tucker is grandstanding here. She added she did nothing – Councilman Tucker knows what time of year it is.

Comm. Epison stated four of the trash cans will be taken away, they will keep two metal and two plastic – his office did have complaints on this.

Mayor Knowles stated she will have Mrs. Peerman at the next meeting to tell her story – of course, that will be after the election.

Councilman Tucker added it's called being a "sore loser", "sour grapes". He then stated he has another question he would like to ask – the riverfront – they are all concerned about erosion – the Mayor said that was not city property, where the erosion was, then why did the city spend money to trim trees on the property that the city does not own ?

Mayor Knowles stated many people requested the removal of those trees and it was a nominal fee - \$5,000.

Councilman Tucker replied then why spend \$5,000 on private property to cut down trees? Mayor Knowles added they had to do the same thing in Country Club last week. She added she did it to beautify the riverfront, and the Board of Works is the spending authority.

Councilman Tucker added and they have to go by the law, no one is above the law, especially when it comes to spending the city money.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added that is why there is a citizen on the Board of Works. She then added she is done with this subject.

3rd District Councilman Rueger was not present.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilman-at-Large Cooper was not present.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer